

Regents approve pharmacy building repairs

By DAVE MANNING
Senior Reporter

The safety of some 200 Medical Center pharmacy students and two dozen faculty members was discussed during a special meeting of the Board of Regents Wednesday.

Amid conflicting opinions of the structural safety of the Medical Center's College of Pharmacy Building, the Board of Regents unanimously approved \$3.4 million to modify the building.

In January, the Medical Center hired the Leo A. Daly Co. to review the design and construction of the building.

Tom Findley, a Leo A. Daly vice president, presented the company's report at the Wednesday meeting. The report was compiled by Alan Yee, an engineer for the firm. In his presentation, Findley explained the findings

of the report.

"All the structural elements of the building are in question," Findley said. The firm has already shored up the building's roof with steel braces, he said.

"We find the roof slab structure to be grossly deficient," Yee wrote. His calculations indicated the roof exceeded its own weight limit by 15 pounds per square foot, without any additional weight on top of the roof.

"If a severe snow storm were to result in high level snow drifts piled on the roof, it is possible that the roof slab may collapse, triggering off a series of progressive collapse failures throughout the entire height of the building," Yee wrote in the report.

Some of the following information is from a report released by University of Nebraska

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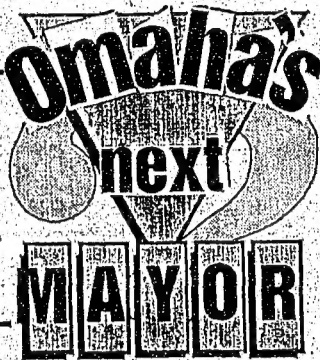


— Dave Weaver

Construction workers brace the walls near the entryway of the College of Pharmacy Building at the Medical Center.

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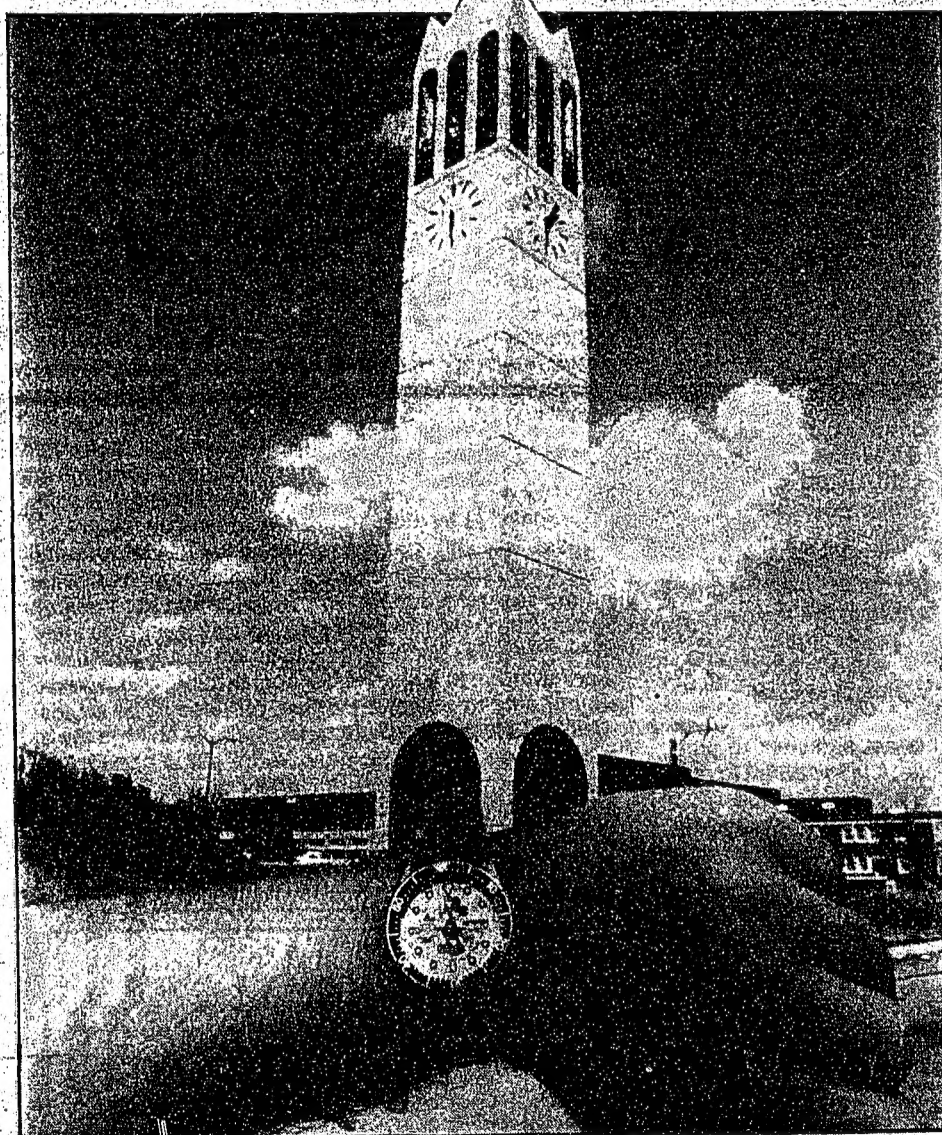
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— Dave Weaver

Mickey tells no lies

Sunday's daylight savings time change confused the clocks on the Henningson Memorial Campanile . . . all of them. Thankfully, Mickey Mouse was around to lend a helping hand.

Kearney addition may go to voters

By JULIE CONDON
Copy Editor

Legislative Bill 160, which would add Kearney State College to the University of Nebraska system, is probably unconstitutional, according to State Attorney General Robert Spire.

Sen. Jerome Warner, who proposed LB 160, requested the opinion because of legal concerns.

"The question I was asked was 'Can the Legislature take Kearney from the state university system?'" Spire said.

Currently, the four state colleges, Kearney, Peru, Wayne and Chadron, are governed by the State College Board of Trustees. The NU system, consisting of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the University of Nebraska at Omaha and the NU Medical Center, is governed by the Board of Regents.

"Our constitution sets out two systems of higher education," Spire said. "Both of those provisions are in the constitution."

"In my judgment, it will take a constitutional change to remove Kearney from the Board of Trustees," he said.

Spire referred to the 1977 Board of Regents vs. Exon case, in which the state Supreme Court ruled "although the Legislature may add to or subtract from the powers and duties of the Regents, the general government of the university must remain vested in the Board of Regents."

"I believe that same case would apply in equal force to the State Board of Trustees," Spire said. "The court ruled the Board of Regents had the power to govern the university system and the Legislature could not interfere."

The attorney general's opinion stated that bringing the state colleges under the general government of the Board of Regents "may not be done directly by statute; nor may it be done indirectly by altering the powers and duties of the Board of Trustees so as to create the same change."

"The Legislature itself cannot change the constitution. Only the people can," Spire said.

Warner said he disagreed with the opinion "mostly because it was based on the history of the state colleges."

"Circumstances have changed significantly," Warner said, noting that the state colleges are no longer primarily teacher-training institutions.

"I intended to make that (LB 160) my top priority bill," Warner said in an Omaha World-Herald article.

Regent Rosemary Skrupa cited the importance of the attorney general's opinion.

"When the attorney general's office issues an opinion, you certainly take it seriously," she said.

The bill can still be advanced and passed by the Legislature, despite the attorney general's opinion.

"The Legislature, if it wants to, can ignore the attorney general," Spire said. "In most cases, they do accept my opinion."

"If they pass the bill, the ultimate result will be a court test to see if my opinion is right," Spire said.

According to Spire, reference has been made to Omaha University becoming the University of Nebraska at Omaha in 1967. Spire, who was president of the Omaha Board of Regents when the merger oc-

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Transportation needs for the disabled addressed

By BARB CZERANKO
Staff Reporter

Transportation needs for Omaha's disabled are not being met, according to Jim McMahon, chairman of the Omaha Transportation Coalition (OTC).

Representatives from OTC, the City of Omaha Human Relations Department, Metro Area Transit (MAT) and League of Human Dignity addressed UNO students' questions March 23 concerning transportation changes for the disabled.

A survey conducted by OTC prompted the organization's concern.

"Fifty-nine percent of the people who use wheelchairs who were surveyed said their transportation needs weren't

being met," McMahon said.

The survey also indicated that 20 percent of Omahans in wheelchairs use MOBY, a system which provides transportation to handicapped people, according to McMahon.

As a result of the survey, the coalition is recommending Omaha find ways to provide the disabled with better transportation alternatives, he said.

Among the coalition's recommendations were an expansion of MOBY's services to include evenings and weekends, and fixed line bus routes with accessible buses for MAT, McMahon said.

Other changes in transportation focus on a recent federal court decision which states public transportation must meet standards which allow all individuals equal access.

In compliance with the decision, new buses will be re-

quired to have lifts for disabled passengers. U.S. Department of Transportation officials have asked to appeal the court's decision, according to Curt Simon, director of MAT operations, maintenance/transportation.

Cherie Green, vice president of UNO's Disabled Student Agency, said she is concerned that if the buses are required to have lifts, the MOBY service will be terminated.

"The idea of making buses equipped with lifts is good in theory, but not in practice," Green said.

"I wouldn't benefit from lift buses because I don't live on a bus route. I'd have to quit school if MOBY was eliminated."

As an alternative to adding lifts to MAT buses, Green said she'd like to see MOBY expanded.

Access

Student senator discusses 'big-time politics'

By JOHN MAJOREK
Student Senator

As a fourth year student senator, I perceive alarming signals in the Student Government which threaten the credibility and viability of said legislative body. Our senate has accomplished many wonderful tasks during the first three months of the 1988-89 term, and there are monumental challenges which face this body today, as well as in the future.

It is today's challenges we, as a Student Senate, must identify and tackle. Our election to office in October carried with it a mandate to serve our constituents, not our own self interests. Unfortunately, I perceive actions which are not in the best interest of the student body. Until we recognize and correct our internal challenges, we will never be able to properly represent the entire student body.

Let me proceed to discuss some of these questionable practices which endanger our credibility.

We must first examine the issue of fiscal responsibility. How can we oppose the \$1 increase in student fees for Campus Recreation on the grounds that it is not fiscally responsible, yet increase the allocation of funds out of contingency for the Hispanic Student Organization (HSO) by \$1,000?

Proponents of the increased funding for HSO argue the increased funding allows for increased outreach by HSO. The same can be said for Campus Recreation. We fund one, but not the other. Why?

For short term political value — that's why! Granted, we received a \$13,000 contingency rollover from last year, but we have now spent all of this year's budgeted contingency funds, and we will soon be digging into the rollover monies.

We still have more than three months left in this fiscal year. If student fee revenue decreases due to decreased enrollment, the contingency budget decreases. But our agency budgets remain constant (except The Gateway and the Student Programming Organization). This in turn increases the agencies' percentage share of the overall budget at the expense of contingency.

In summary, we are not looking into the future in our budgetary practices. Next fiscal year, there will be deserving student organizations that will not get the funding they deserve. EVEN WORSE, this is a senate that flip flops on the votes — sometimes voting responsibly on monetary matters, and sometimes very liberally. Each senator must make a stand. Your constituents deserve to know this. At least in four years on the Student Senate, I have always voted in a fiscally conservative, responsible and CONSISTENT manner. Can my colleagues make the same claim?

The question of responsibility leads me to my next point of contention. I question the role of our budget chair in amending the HSO budget request. She ignored the Budget Committee's UNANIMOUS DECISION to fund HSO \$1,800 by amending the amount to almost \$3,000.

It seems a little strange the budget chair decided UNILATERALLY to amend the committee's decision after an afternoon meeting with fellow officers and HSO representatives. This action reeks of smoke-filled back room politics that this senate fought when the Kerrigan/Kennedy leadership existed. The motivation may have been altruistic, but the appearance is questionable.

Our credibility is at stake. How can the administrative leaders respect us when we make emotional and/or short-sighted decisions which often defy common logic?

We must now live with the precedent that any time a student organization requests \$3,000 to send members to a convention/workshop, we must ethically give them the money. With this precedent, our contingency can and will run out quickly. At least I had the fortitude to see the long-range impact of the HSO amendment.

To my Student Government leaders, I can only say it is time to realize this is big-time politics. What happens in UNO Student Government is no different than what goes on in the real political forum.

Writer suggests help to minorities

By CECILIA SELDON
UNO Student

I recently wrote to the editor (March 21) regarding the dissatisfaction I felt with the situation of minorities at UNO, and although it is important to make people aware of problems, it is more important to implement solutions to solve the problems.

The first step in the right direction would be to increase the staff of Minority Student Services (MSS). With its present staff, it would be extremely difficult to increase services and programs to the necessary level. Since it is the objective of UNO to increase minority enrollment and services, addi-

One such problem MSS should be involved with is the re-establishment of the Buddy Program, which pairs an upperclassman minority student with a freshman minority student. This program should be structured to include workshops for the upperclassmen that enable them to provide sufficient support for the freshmen.

In addition, workshops and multi-cultural awareness programs need to be implemented, such as the pilot program in the Learning Center, to help students and the professional staff understand minority students' issues and concerns. Other workshops should be created for staff, especially for those who recruit and work directly with minority students.

Moreover, more personal contact with high school counselors and students is needed. It is not sufficient to offer a scholarship and wait for a response; it is important to promote the services provided at UNO with at least follow-up phone calls. These actions will insure information gets past an already cluttered desk of a high school counselor and

inspire that counselor to promote UNO to more minority students.

Minority student organizations should also be part of the network to enhance the quality of the college experience. Additional personnel is needed to maintain quality service at UNO. They should be more involved with working in Student Government, participating in conferences that deal with issues affecting UNO and obtaining speakers of interest to be brought to campus. In lieu of recent budget reductions, the administration should help provide funds for these activities.

More solutions can be found by talking and listening to minority students. A visit or two to the Student Center to gather both ideas and people who contribute would go a long way to help solve some problems.

The bottom line, though, is the need for support from the administration with personnel and money. The time has passed for exploring the problems; it is now time for action.

I will conclude by answering an inevitable question: "Why are these 'special' programs necessary?" Unfortunately, institutional racism still exists in this and other institutions. I am not saying everyone who works within the institution is racist; however, when the policies governing the institution were made, minority concerns were not addressed.

Furthermore, at a place of higher learning, one would expect not only to obtain a degree, but also to be exposed to different ideas, to explore options and to change the status quo when it does not provide the same opportunities for everyone. I believe a university should be a leader against any form of racism and discrimination, because when only a few ideas are espoused, there cannot be higher learning.

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Professor seeks examples of bad writing

(CPS) — If the writing is bad, San Jose State University Prof. Scott Rice wants to see it.

For the seventh year in a row, Rice is asking collegians and faculty members around the country to submit samples of truly bad writing.

He's looking for "mixed-up metaphors, excruciating syntax, pungent puns, calcified clichés and insipid similes" for what he calls the Lord Edward Earle Bulwer-Lytton Fiction Contest.

Bulwer-Lytton began a 19th-century novel with the sentence, "It was a dark and stormy night," which Rice considers the all-time worst fiction cliché.

Last year's winner was Franklin College senior Rachel

Sheeley, who entered the contest for her magazine writing class. Her opening line maps the course of romance between a fast, racy woman named Porsche and her lover, Alfa Romeo: "Like an expensive sports car, fine-tuned and well-built, Porsche was sleek, shapely and gorgeous."

Sheeley modestly credits "practice" for her success. "I just hope it won't hurt my chances of getting a job," she added.

Franklin students seem to be especially good at bad writing. An alumnus of the Indiana school was a category winner last year, and a woman in Sheeley's magazine writing class walked away with a dishonorable mention. But the course's professor, a perennial contestant, has yet to be

recognized.

Rice picked April 15 as the deadline, a date, he noted, already synonymous with great American creative writing.

To enter the Lord Edward Earle Bulwer-Lytton Bad Fiction Contest, contest organizer Rice asks bad writers to submit their stories typed on "3 x 5" index cards.

The author's name, address and phone number should be on the back of the card. There is no limit to the number of submissions, but each must be on a separate card.

Contestants should send entries to Bulwer-Lytton Fiction Contest, c/o English Department, San Jose State University, San Jose, Calif., 95192-0090.

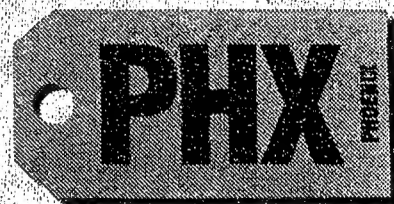
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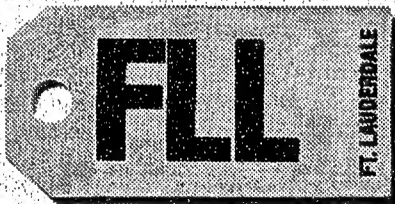
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Comment



Senator's letter shoots blanks

Why does a newspaper have an opinion page? Because it allows readers to express opinions, even those the newspaper doesn't agree with.

That's the kind of opinion, at least from this writer's perspective, that long-time Student Sen. John Majorek expresses in the Access column on page 2 of today's Gateway. In case you missed it, strap on the boots and turn back a couple of pages. It gets pretty thick.

Majorek warns this year's senate threatens "the credibility and viability" of past senates. As one who has followed the actions of past senates for almost six years, I had to stop and wonder which senate's reputation Majorek was worried about:

Was he referring to the senate that argued for most of an entire meeting over whether to purchase an adding machine? Or the senate that allowed one of its members to wad up paper balls during meetings and throw them into the trash can? Or was it the senate that saw one of its white students pull a fake gun on one of its black students?

John Rood
Editor's Note

This last incident, which some alleged was racially motivated, illustrates how far this semester's senate has come. In the column, Majorek questions spending on campus minority groups. He warns that by appropriating \$3,000 to send members of the Hispanic Student Organization to a conference, the senate is "ethically" obligated to give other campus groups the same amount of money.

That's ridiculous.

The senate will continue to look at each request individually. If it feels the request will provide a special benefit to the campus, it should try to find money to fund it. One request doesn't obligate the senate to other groups. If the senate appropriates \$80,000 to the Student Programming Organization, is it "ethically" obligated to give \$80,000 to the Chemistry Club?

Majorek makes other questionable claims:

- First, he asks how the senate justifies increasing the Hispanic Student Organization's request by \$1,000, yet rejects a \$1 student fee increase to fund Campus Recreation.

The answer is simple. HSO's \$1,000 request, intended to help improve minority recruitment and retention, can be funded without increasing student fees. Campus Recreation's request, which would cost UNO students about \$51,000 and be used to fund staff raises, requires an increase.

- Next, Majorek warns that with less than three months before the end of the fiscal year, the senate could run out of money for other budget requests, or put itself in jeopardy for next semester.

This also seems unlikely. Executive Treasurer Cheryl Carter estimates the contingency fund will begin next year with about the same amount of money it started this year with.

This senate isn't perfect, but neither are its predecessors. The difference this semester is that senators are trying to make a difference by helping minorities instead of pulling guns on them.

Majorek tells us he hasn't ever made a mistake on budget issues. By his own example, not making a mistake seems to mean not spending money. And therein lies the rub: You get what you pay for.

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Mailbag

To the editor:

I am writing in response to the problem the Financial Aid Office is having with its new computer program. The problem is there is a "bug" in the new program which was implemented about three weeks ago.

What is the bug? The program will not apply the money students get in financial aid to their accounts; therefore, students don't get needed money.

I realize they have people working on the program and are trying to fix it, but we still don't get our money. The biggest question students could ask is "Why did they put this new system into effect during the regular semester?"

I know nobody anticipates problems, but what needs to be taken into account is the fact students are expected to live on hardly nothing. Sure, UNO has very low tuition compared to other universities, and the taxpayers of Nebraska get stuck paying for most of university expenses (including UNL, etc.). I know we are not expected to be driving Rolls Royces or brand new cars to school.

Everybody has to realize that UNO, unlike UNL, doesn't have dormitories. Students either live at home or find an apartment, which in the latter case requires getting a job. Either case requires that we purchase a car to get to and from school (or leave home one-and-one-half hours before school starts so we can take the bus).

Nebraska law states we must have liability insurance be-

fore we can register the car. And we have to pay for gas and all of those expenses associated with maintaining a car.

Don't get me wrong, I am thankful for financial aid. Without it, most students, including myself, wouldn't be able to afford the costs of a higher education.

But let's get real here, if we pay our tuition when we are able to; we are recommended for disenrollment and "appropriate action will be taken" to make sure we pay for the classes we now are unable to attend; our credit rating (for students that have one) is ruined and what for? A "bug" in the computers?

I am sure most people who attend or work at universities know how to add and subtract, and they know we are going to get the money eventually. So if the "money" is in the computer, why can't they apply it to our accounts manually?

The biggest problem is we rely too much on the computer and don't want to do things "the old fashioned way."

M. Tylavsky
UNO Student

To the editor:

I am writing to you to find out what it is the UNO Student Government cares so much about.

On Jan. 27, 1989, the Amnesty International group at UNO submitted its proposed constitution to Student Govern-

ment for approval. Upon handing in the document, the group was informed it would take six to eight weeks to gain approval from Student Government. Why so long?

Well here we are, 10 weeks have passed and still no word from our caring government. Maybe this constitution isn't as important to the university as appropriating funds to various established organizations. However, I don't think Student Government should feel that putting this proposal on hold is going to make it go away, because we will not allow that to happen.

Amnesty International is the most respected pro-human rights organization in the world. We are an impartial, non-partisan organization that is concerned with freeing prisoners of conscience all over the world. There are millions of members world-wide and we know the time and effort that goes into our fight for human rights is well rewarded. Amnesty International would also like to help educate the peoples of the world about how horrifying it is when human rights are violated.

I think if Student Government would consider the possibility that one of the letters we write could save a life, it would warrant the whole notion that Amnesty International belongs on campus and could be a part of a major force in the never-ending struggle for the end of human rights violations throughout the world.

I urge Student Government to expedite their procedures to review and approve our constitution so we may grow as a group.

Jeff Kisicki
Amnesty International

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General Counsel Richard Wood.

The independent firm of Shive-Hattery and Associates was hired by the Medical Center in September 1982 to determine the cause of cracking in the exterior walls. In a Dec. 1, 1982 report given to the Medical Center, the firm concluded the cause of cracking was due to the deflection, or bending, of floor slabs in the structure, probably resulting from movements caused by temperature or moisture.

Although the floor had moved within the acceptable limit of 1.25 inches, the Shive report indicated that floor movement above 0.3 inches could crack the walls. It also recommended the installation of expansion joints, to compensate for movements caused by temperature or moisture.

The Medical Center contacted Lueder Construction Company, the contractor who built the building, about these problems. In October 1983, Lueder hired the Chicago firm of Wiss, Janney, Elstner and Associates Inc. to evaluate the building.

The Wiss report was presented to the Medical Center Feb. 20, 1984. The investigation revealed cracks in the exterior brick facade caused by extensive deflections of the floor slabs. These slabs, which had been designed to support 100 pounds per square foot, had an actual capacity of 25 to 30 pounds per square foot.

In late April 1984, Shive confirmed the findings of the Wiss report, and soon after, floor load restrictions were imposed in the building.

According to Yee's report, which concurred with the previous findings of the Shive and Wiss reports, the floor slabs, support beams and columns were all under designed.

Yee's report proposed the addition of new beams and columns, to take weight off the existing beams and columns and bring the beam and floor slab load capacity up to 100 pounds per square foot.

His report indicated the current beam load capacity was 18 pounds per square foot, and the floor slab load capacity was 33 pounds per square foot. Yee also recommended the brick facade be removed and replaced with

a new wall system.

An opposing opinion came to the regents via a videotaped message from Eugene Holland, a structural engineer, who said there was "no indication of structural stress," because there was no new cracking.

"No cracking exists," Holland said. "It should be there, according to Yee's calculations."

Findley defended Yee's conclusion.

"He (Holland) hadn't done a thorough analysis of everything," Findley said.

Charles Wilsam, a partner in the firm of Wilsam Birge and Associates Inc., also spoke to the regents. Wilsam was a partner in the firm that designed the College of Pharmacy Building.

"Unfortunately, people make mistakes," he said. "Our concern now is finding the best solution."

Wilsam proposed the building be tested again to settle the difference in opinion and save the University of Nebraska system money. He offered a donation of \$10,000 towards the amount needed, which he said would "be about \$100,000."

Findley disagreed.

"We feel you'll spend more than \$100,000," he said to the Board of Regents. "There's only one thing to do, and that's fix it."

Regent John Payne of Kearney asked: "Which engineering firm is offering us the right advice?"

The College of Pharmacy Building, designed by the Omaha firm of Wilsam, Mullins and Birge, was completed by Lueder in 1976. Since then, the building has been plagued with problems, according to a report by Wood.

On April 13, 1984, the Medical Center filed separate suits in Douglas County District Court against the Wilsam firm and Lueder Construction Company.

According to Wood's report, the suit against Wilsam was for negligent design and negligent inspection. The suit against the Lueder firm was based on a breach of contract, because the company had failed to complete the building according to specifications.

The university lost both cases in 1987, because the court said the Medical Center should have known about the problems earlier and had not pressed legal charges soon enough. The court's decision was upheld by the State Supreme Court in December 1988, according to Wood's report.

Before the regents approved the \$3.4 million request, which also included authorization for Medical Center Chancellor Charles Andrews to set aside normal bidding procedures in order to negotiate with individual firms, NU President Ronald Roskens said, "It's not likely to affect the budget."

"If a severe snow storm were to result in high level snow drifts piled on the roof, it is possible that the roof slab may collapse, triggering off a series of progressive collapse..."

—Alan Yee

Regent Nancy Hoch of Nebraska City assured the regents of the necessity of the project. "This is a true emergency," she said.

Andrews said construction wouldn't affect classes in the College of Pharmacy. "We will be able to continue classes and finish the semester," he said.

"We ask our faculty, researchers and students to bear with us as we make these repairs," Andrews said. He added he looks forward to "when College of Pharmacy operations can return to normal."

If all goes according to plan, the building should be ready for occupation for the spring 1990 term, Andrews said.

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curred, said that when OU was admitted, it was not a state university and was not under provisions in the constitution.

"Kearney is in the constitution," he said.

Spire said there is a possibility the Legislature will pass LB 247, which would set up a review of all higher education in Nebraska and possibly include studying the addition of Kearney State.

"I think it is very healthy for the people of Nebraska to be looking at higher education and hopefully supporting it," Spire said.

"The Legislature, if it wants to, can ignore the attorney general. In most cases, they do accept my opinion. If they pass the bill, the ultimate result will be a court test to see if my opinion is right."

—Spire

Sen. James McFarland agreed that LB 247 might pass.

"I suspect that (LB 247) will pass, and during that study they will study the constitutionality of it (including Kearney)," he said.

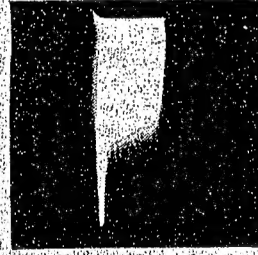
LB 160 is currently under review of the Education Committee, which voted against killing it. In a 4-4 vote, the committee did not advance the bill to the full Legislature, which requires 5 votes.

"Sometime during this coming week, we'll make a decision as to what to do," Warner said. "We're still reviewing that opinion."

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Photos by Dave Weaver



Mike Boyle

By JOHN WATSON
Staff Reporter

"One of the things that distinguishes me from the other candidates, is the experience of a big defeat. It really sharpens your sense of values," former mayor Mike Boyle said.

Boyle is referring to his recall in Jan. 1987. "Even something as simple as flunking a test, you can either throw in the towel or come back and be even better," he said. "I decided that I certainly had some responsibility with the recall and I wanted to do things better."

Boyle graduated from Cathedral High School in 1961 and from Creighton University in 1973. He received his law degree from Creighton Law School in 1977 to practice with Miller and Rowan, a local law firm.

Boyle became election commissioner in 1980, was elected mayor in 1981 and re-elected in 1985.

"Drugs and gangs is a very comprehensive issue," Boyle said. "It doesn't serve the city very well to have the candidates trying to outdo one another about who will be tougher on drugs. We're all going to be tough on drugs."

Boyle proposes a three-part plan to resolve the crime dilemma. First is education. Boyle said he would like to do what is already being done in District 66 — start in the lower grades and begin to talk to the students about the dangers of drugs.

Secondly, Boyle would like to see tougher enforcement. "We just have to make it unbearable for people to deal drugs," Boyle said. "We need to put them out of business. I don't mean across the county line, I mean out of business."

The third item in Boyle's plan is to create a drug-free environment. "We need to create an environment where people who don't want to sell drugs have the opportunity to make a good decent living," he said.

"We need to acknowledge the economics of it," Boyle said. "There is a lot of money to be made in drug dealing. We need to instill good values at a young age and have good jobs for them when they get out of school so they have some opportunities. That's absolutely critical."

Boyle said he would like to see a new convention center created by adding on to the existing civic auditorium. "I think it makes good sense to add it on to where it is, because if you see any of the events, they're filled to capacity, and even the farm events have some of the equipment outside on the sidewalk and in the street," Boyle said.

Boyle supports the riverfront development project, saying, "If the city hadn't done this for Conagra, we would be in absolutely terrible shape today. I was mayor when Enron pulled out, and that was a disaster — the city

"Omaha can be a city where anyone who graduates from college has a good paying job to go to."

—Boyle

is still suffering from that.

To accomplish this, Boyle suggests offering economic incentives that make some sense for smaller businesses.

He said he would like to work with the business community and the administration at UNO to determine the areas of interests in which graduates are needed.

"UNO is probably one of the most important assets the city has,"



Walt Calinger

By STEVE CHASE
Staff Reporter

As a former UNO professor, Omaha Mayor Walt Calinger said the concerns of this campus rank high on his list of priorities.

"I came to Omaha to become a part of that faculty, so I guess I have an affinity for UNO and the role it plays in the community," he said. Calinger was a UNO instructor from 1970 to 1974.

Changes Calinger said he would like to see include returning the engineering program to UNO and having masters and doctorate programs offered in engineering and computer sciences.

"If those offerings in engineering and the sciences at the masters and doctorate levels were at UNO, it would greatly aid the economic development of the state," he said.

Other additions to UNO the mayor supports would be student housing near the campus, construction of the proposed Performing Arts Center and expanding the university's role in the community.

Calinger said some of the problems in advancing UNO's status have been in how state and private sources view the university.

"I've always used my pull as a councilman and as mayor to make sure UNO has got a fair deal," he said. "Do I think they (UNO) have gotten a fair deal in the past? No, they haven't."

"I've talked to a number of contributors to the University of Nebraska foundation and I raised the point of how much comes out of Omaha for the foundation and how relatively little comes back to Omaha for UNO," he

said. "I think this is a matter that should be discussed."

In other issues, the mayor said the biggest topic in this campaign has been the drug and gang problem. Calinger said he has been accused by other candidates of "not acting early enough" on this issue.

"What's early enough? I became mayor in April and I gave my first speech in May. After I had 30 days to put things together and see where we were, I gave my speech on it."

Since becoming mayor of Omaha in April of 1988, after the death of then mayor Bernie Simon, Calinger said he used several methods to combat these problems, including increasing the police force and asking for "drug free zones" around Omaha schools.

He said these are only short-term solutions to the drug problem, listing drug education and other preventive measures as long-term goals.

Calinger said some candidates use "scare tactics" with the threat of gangs attacking neighborhoods as a way to get public attention and support.

"The attacks are potential, but why scare a whole population over that when we ought to be solving the problem?" he said.

"We don't need the loose-lip rhetoric," he added. "And that's what's happening from other candidates."

Another issue Calinger supports is the increase of economic development. He said he considers the riverfront project as one of the greatest in Omaha's history.

"What we have done is we have filled this riverfront up and kept all the businesses that are here," the mayor said. "To me, that's economic development."

He said along with the riverfront project, business is increasing in North Omaha along Abbott Drive, and in West Omaha.

"As a matter of fact, we have a substantial traffic problem at 14th and Dodge," he said. "And I look at that and say, 'Isn't that great?' Because we wouldn't have it if we didn't have that much economic development going on."

"Our next challenge is to solve the traffic congestion, and I think we will," Calinger said. "But our challenge should be to anticipate economic growth so we can prepare for potential traffic problems."



Jim Cleary

By JOHN WATSON
Staff Reporter

According to mayoral candidate Jim Cleary, the issues aren't the most important aspect of the campaign — it's choosing a candidate with leadership skills.

"I think I've shown political courage both by standing up for the recall and in my back-

ground, serving in Vietnam, starting my own business and tackling tough issues on the city council," Cleary said.

Cleary graduated from Creighton University and is currently a member of the city council.

He said he agrees with the other candidates that the drug and gang problem is the major issue of the campaign. "I really believe it's a problem, it's not just a bunch of media hype," he said.

"On the law enforcement side, what I propose is mandatory 10 years in jail for anybody convicted of selling even a small amount of crack cocaine, with no parole and no bail."

—Cleary

"There really are places in the city that have to put up with gunfire at night like they're in some kind of war zone."

He said that, like the other candidates, he has a "big plan" concerning law enforcement and education.

"On the law enforcement side, what I propose is mandatory 10 years in jail for anybody convicted of selling even a small amount of crack cocaine, with no parole and no bail," he said.

"The problem is not catching them, we

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P.J. Morgan

By MICHELLE FLYR
Staff Reporter

The safety of all citizens in the community is the most important issue of the mayoral campaign, according to candidate P.J. Morgan.

People need to feel safe not only in their homes, but also when they go out on the street, Morgan said.

"In order to have a strong community, we must focus on all parts of our city sharing and prospering," he said. "It is not enough that one part has economic growth."

He said to reach this goal, something has to be done to stop the increase of the drug business in the community. The current drug trade is worth \$150 to \$160 billion a year, according to Morgan.

"I think it will take an effort by not just government, but also the people participating," Morgan said. "We certainly need to involve the federal, state and local officials in that effort."

Morgan has developed a 10-point plan for dealing with crime, drugs and gangs. Part of this plan includes establishing drug-free school zones.

People must be made aware of the feder-

al law that states anyone caught dealing drugs within 1000 yards of a school will be

"I believe a mayor can provide leadership, so that we have the job openings right here in Omaha."

—Morgan

charged with a federal crime, Morgan said. The city must put its resources behind the U.S. Attorney General and punish these people under federal conspiracy charges, he said.

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Steve McCollister

By JOHN WATSON
Staff Reporter

"You don't make enemies by saying 'no,' you make enemies by saying 'yes' and then contradicting yourself," said mayoral candidate Steve McCollister.

McCollister said he learned how to say "no" through his experience in local government. That experience includes eight years on the county board, serving on the Welfare Committee, the Board of Health and the Juvenile Court Committee.

McCollister spoke at UNO March 22 in the Student Center. He said the opportunity gave those who may not have heard of him the chance to hear his views.

"You get a lot more headlines dealing with kids cruising up and down Dodge street than you do with spending \$3 million or \$4 million of the taxpayers money on indigents and indigent health care," he said.

McCollister divides his plan to combat drugs and gangs into three parts — short-term, mid-term and long-term.

Short-term solutions involve the ability of the police force to deal with symptoms of the problem, mainly arrests and basic law enforcement.

McCollister said there are fewer police on the street now than eight years ago.

"We need more police on the street," he said. "It sounds simplistic, but why haven't we done it? The mayor has dealt with the problem now for a year and spent most of the time denying that there was a problem at all."

"The mid-term answer is changing some laws, using civil penalties, as well as criminal penalties, and working within the judicial system to process cases faster," he said.

The long-term answer to crime and drugs is economic development, according to McCollister. "If you create opportunities in town, the kids will turn to a life of work and

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Fred Conley

By DAVE MANNING
Senior Reporter

Fred Conley has been serving Omaha for more than 10 years in many different areas, but now he's looking towards an office he has already held.

The problem is he only held it for one month.

Conley was Acting Mayor from March 19 to April 19, 1988, during the illness and following the death of Mayor Bernie Simon. Walt Calinger was chosen by the city council to finish Simon's term.

"It was unfortunate," Conley said, describing the council's selection. "I was in the normal position to be elevated."

The past is water under the bridge for Conley, although he said he can draw from the experience he has gained from the city council and as director of the Papio Natural Resources Board.

Conley said he thinks the future of Omaha is dependent on its next mayor, one who "has to be out front." Omaha has problems it must deal with, he said.

When asked what problems the city faces, Conley said, "I think the ones we (the candidates) have been talking about: Crime, economic development and jobs, and a long range strategic financial plan for the city."

He stressed the point that all three of these problems are equally important.

"As you know, a city has to deal with a number of challenges," Conley explained. "It just can't deal with just one at a time. I think if we set our priorities so we are focusing on those three areas, we could resolve all of them at the same time."

In spite of the equality of the issues, Conley has proposed an economic plan for the city, to be implemented if he is elected. He said his plan would focus on a "positive business climate."

To do this, Conley would create a department of economic development, which would focus on three things:

- "It would attempt to provide as much service to the existing businesses here in the city."

- "It would aid in the formation of new business in terms of providing private sector training."

- "It would work with the Chamber of Commerce in terms of attracting new business."

Within this "climate," Conley foresees a unified force for attracting businesses.

"Right now, the way it works in Omaha, the Chamber (of Commerce) is primarily responsible for attracting new businesses into the city," Conley said.

"I think the city needs to carve out its role in conjunction with the Chamber and anyone else in that field, in terms of attracting

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According to Morgan, alcohol is also a serious youth problem.

"I would like to see us serialize the beer keg, so there would be a record of who is buying the beer for the young people," Morgan said. "When there is a party, we can trace it back."

Another area of concern for Morgan is the economy. Omaha needs to go out and target certain industries, he said.

"We have a great quality of life and much to offer," Morgan said. "We have not been that effective at really going out to market Omaha."

He said the city needs to create new jobs in the community to entice young people to stay. Young people are receiving an education in Omaha and then leaving the city to find jobs, he said.

"I believe a mayor can provide leadership, so that we have the job openings right here in Omaha," Morgan said.

One way to expand the university's role in the community is by putting a doctoral program at UNO, according to Morgan.

"It is important to work toward UNO having a doctoral program for teachers," Morgan said.

"The majority of the teachers in the state live in Omaha, and yet they have to commute to Lincoln for a doctoral program."

Morgan said he discussed the idea with Chancellor Del Weber, and that they both felt it could be implemented without a significant cost.

"People want to see city government run in a business-like way — in a quiet and professional style," Morgan said.

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satisfaction as opposed to a life of crime," he said.

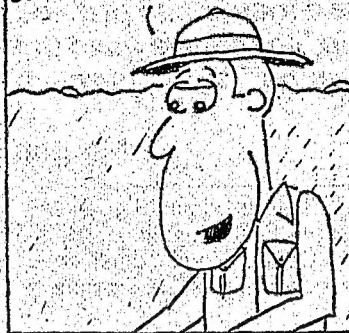
"We've been waiting for the election since the mayor was appointed by the city council," McCollister said. "That's what we mean when we say that there is a lack of leadership."

"The mayor is absolutely powerless."

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can find these people and arrest them. It's just that nothing happens to them," he said.

"Even juveniles can kill people, and that's just what they are doing."

Cleary said he backs candidate Fred Conley's plan for education.

"It is a consortium of all the various elements in the community that are trying to fight the problem," Cleary said.

Cleary said he is against the purchase of Ak-Sar-Ben for a convention center.

"I think the convention center should be downtown, and it is important to point out that it is a convention center and not a sports

arena," he said.

He said he also backs the riverfront development. "I think it was a tough decision, and there certainly was a lot of opposition to it," he said. "But it was a tough decision in the sense that we hate to see old buildings torn down, but not when we weighed that against the economic potential of the area."

Cleary said he realizes UNO's importance to the city, saying he believes a good relationship with the university will help attract businesses. Businesses will be attracted, he said, to the kind of research and expertise the university offers.

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new businesses," Conley said. "We don't need separate programs trying to do the same thing."

Conley said the role of UNO, and especially the Nebraska Business Development Center, located in the College of Business Administration, is an important one in Omaha.

"I think the city needs to work with the university, and the university needs to work with the Chamber (of Commerce) and other private businesses," Conley said. "I think we all need to work together."

Conley said he had sent out a booklet over the weekend, which explained his stand on the issues. "We're already doing radio advertising," he added.

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APRIL 10-14

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- 10th **Rondell Sheridan & Lip Sync Contest** MBSC Ballroom
- 11th **The Comedy of Steve Trash**, MBSC Ballroom
- 13th **The Sons — Live Rock 'N Roll**, Pep Bowl
- 14th **Electric Zoot Suit — Comedy**, MBSC Ballroom

APRIL 12

Rising Star presents **Hugh Fink, Classical Comedian** from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the MBSC Ballroom.

Concerts Committee presents **Johnny Reno in concert** at 7:30 p.m., MBSC Ballroom.

APRIL 14-16

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APRIL 18

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APRIL 26

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APRIL 15-16

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Author was former 'beatnik'

Student writes computer book

By CHRIS YOUNG
Staff Reporter

UNO student and psychology major Kevin Fitzmaurice is the self-published author of a book entitled, "What Computer Should You Buy?"

His book answers many questions buyers have when selecting a computer, learning how to operate one and adding additional hardware and software to their system.

"I've been compiling information and articles about computers for years," Fitzmaurice said. "That is what I used to write the book."

A full-time student, 39-year-old Fitzmaurice is also employed as a drug and alcohol counselor at NOVA Therapeutic Community.

He juggles school, work and his second career as an author. Fitzmaurice attends school during the week and works the night shift and weekends at NOVA to be considered a full-time employee. He somehow manages to find time to continue writing.

His book was written from his experience with working with computers. Fitzmaurice was the vice-president and general manager of Computertown.

He started at Computertown upon finishing a data processing school. At that time, the store wasn't making it as a business.

"Six months after I started working there, the business turned around and they made enough money to open another store," he said.

His work experience helped him complete his book, a project he took on almost entirely on his own.

He researched, wrote, typed, edited, designed, copyrighted and distributed the book. The only tasks he did not take on was printing and binding.

Fitzmaurice said he began working on the project in 1980, but had problems limiting the information.

"Just when I thought I had included everything, I would come across another article that needed to be included," he said.

And he isn't limiting his talent as a writer strictly to authoring a book on computers.

"I have written some news releases on computers and I would like to write a column, not just about computers, but I don't enjoy the time constraints or the demands to have it in at a certain time in a certain way," Fitzmaurice said.

Besides writing, Fitzmaurice enjoys philosophy and psychology. Over the years, he has compiled approximately 8,000 pages of notes on his life experiences and what he has read.

The author has lived in cities from coast to coast, in religious communes and in "utopias" where he studied different lifestyles. When he would "burn out" on where he was living and what he was doing, he would move on.

During the late '60s and early '70s, Fitzmaurice was in-

volved in the Zen movement, which focuses on enlightenment by direct, intuitive insights. "I had a passion to know," he said.

He considered himself a "beatnik." He had long hair and, at one time, lived on a Mexican beach, where he made his home with a hammock for his bed.

After the Zen movement turned "political," he cut his hair. While he found the Zen way of life enriching, he didn't like the direction it was headed.

Fitzmaurice continued his education by attending UNO several years ago, in hopes of becoming an engineer. His money was tight, so he started working full-time and switched to a data processing school. He graduated from the computer school and went to work.

Today, his focus is on psychology. Fitzmaurice would like to get his degree in psychology and continue writing. He has three ideas for books which draw from his 8,000 pages of notes and his life experiences.

Fitzmaurice's computer book is currently available at Dundee Book Company, Kieser's Book Store and Combs & Ketterson Old Market Bookstore. It is also available through the mail. The book is \$24.95 plus \$3 shipping/handling each, if ordered through the mail.

Correction

On March 24, The Gateway reversed the photos of two UNO students. Below are the students' corrected photos and picks for today's mayoral race. The Gateway regrets the error.



Andrew J. Wolf
sophomore
Liberal Arts



Steve Hunt
junior
History

"Morgan due to his great business sense, such as coming in under budget on the airport expansion project. And Boyle because of his past experience and need to prove himself to Mr. and Mrs. Omaha."

"P.J. Morgan and Mike Boyle because of Morgan's association with the business community and Boyle is making a comeback. He still has a lot of people who like him. My choice would be Fred Conley."

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The 3-5 Mavs are coming off a Thursday loss to Grand View College. Grand View swept the doubleheader, 11-6 in the first game and 3-1 in the second.

UNO's Gary Lane led the Mavs, going 4 for 4 in the first game with three doubles and three RBIs.

UNO Coach Bob Gates said Grand

View was a tough opponent.

"They're a good ball club," Gates said. "I think they're as good as Nebraska or Iowa State."

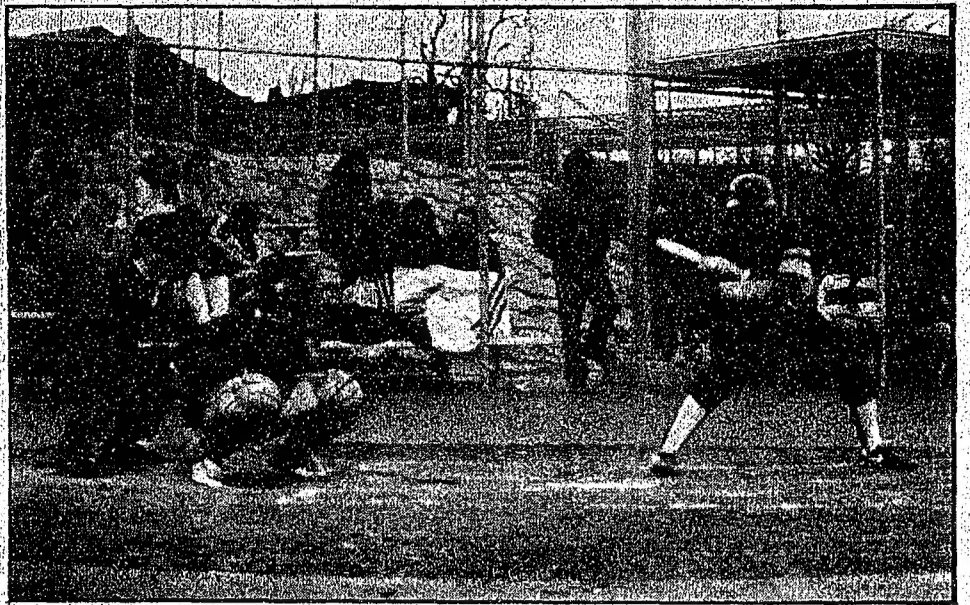
Meeting non-conference teams prepares UNO for the tough North Central Conference schedule, Gates said.

"The games that are important are the conference games," Gates said. "The non-conference ones just get you ready."

Sophomore Rollin Biel got the loss in the first game and Mike Dmyterko lost the second.

The Mavs make-up a doubleheader against Doane College Wednesday at home.

After meeting the Lady Lopers tonight, the UNO softball team takes its 7-6 record to Wayne State College for a 5 p.m. Wednesday night game.



— Linda Shepard

Freshmen Neely Sader lets one go by during a loss to Creighton, March 22. The UNO softball team tests its 7-6 record tonight (5:00 p.m.) against Kearney State at Claussen-Westgate Field.

101 career wins put Schnepel in 'elite' category

By DAVID JAHR
Sports Editor

Clark Schnepel entered UNO three years ago as a struggling wrestler who wanted to compete for one of the nation's premier powerhouses in the collegiate ranks.

A transfer student from Iowa Central Junior College, Schnepel had only one goal in mind.

"I just wanted to make the team," he said.

Three years and 101 career wins later, Schnepel has carved his way into UNO wrestling history.

"He has left a significant mark on UNO wrestling," UNO Coach Mike Denney said. "He is in the elite category, and he doesn't even know it, because he doesn't think about it."

There have been just five other UNO wrestlers who have broken the 100-career win mark. And only Mark Rigatuso, from 1979-1983, has won more heavyweight matches (113).

In his three-year career, Schnepel has posted impressive

accomplishments. He gained All-American status all three years, and took second place in the NCAA Division II tournament.

But this season, Schnepel achieved a few goals that eluded him his sophomore and junior years.

"His matches were almost clinics in technique, maneuvering and being smart."

—Mike Denney

Although Schnepel was the top seed in the North Central Conference each year, only in his senior season did Schnepel win the NCC title.

Also this season, Schnepel and teammate Joe Wypiszenski qualified to compete at the NCAA Division I meet, a first for both athletes.

These are lofty attainments for a man who did not even make the varsity team in junior college.

"He could almost be listed as an overachiever, or at least he got the most out of his potential," Denney said.

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NCAA propositions force athletes to make the grade

By TONY FLOTT
Staff Reporter

Editor's note: This article contains opinion of the author.

Turn to your sports section nowadays and you might wonder whether or not you are reading a national tabloid. Thumb through the pages and controversy splatters the sports world.

Whether it be drug deals, rapes, shootings at the University of Oklahoma, allegations of a gambler paying off players at UNLV or the sickening frequency of coaching changes, we seem to be bombarded with negative information on the sports world.

Many things have changed in college athletics. However, not all of the changes are negative. There have been positive improvements initiated by the NCAA. One of them is attempts to eliminate the stereotypical "dumb jock." The NCAA has passed rules to ensure the student-athlete is just that, a student and an athlete.

Not only do athletes have to be physically gifted in order to be awarded a scholarship, but before they are allowed to play, they must also meet stringent entrance requirements and academic standards outlined in the NCAA's Proposition 48.

A student-athlete must score at least 15 on the ACT or 700 on the SAT and attain a C average in 11 different core classes in order to be allowed into his or her college.

Students who are non-athletes are not bound by such entrance requirements at many colleges. According to UNO football coach Sandy Buda UNO students need no minimum score on the ACT or SAT and only have to be proficient in nine core classes.

Buda said academics are an important factor when considering whether to recruit an athlete.

"The first place you go is to the counselor, not the football coach," Buda said. "If his academics are not good enough, we don't even bother with it."

"There are some kids with the minimum ACT or SAT score who can make it in college, but we can't take a chance here," Buda said. "The field of recruitable players has been reduced."

After meeting the entrance requirements, the student-athlete faces even tougher rules and standards which must be met in order to play.

Starting their freshman year, student-athletes must pass 24 hours of class each year towards a specific degree, carrying at least 12 hours of class during the season.

This means the athlete cannot drop a class in which he is receiving a poor grade if he needs the class to meet his 24-hour requirement. However, he can't afford to have the



poor grade.

"It's a classic catch-22 situation," Buda said.

The NCAA has also made it tough for cheating on these requirements. Each school must have a monitor, hired by the university, to ensure all students-athletes are meeting the proper levels.

Athletes must enroll in courses designed to meet a specific degree. They are limited to the number of elective courses they are allowed to take. The days in which athletes cruised by in basket weaving courses and introduction to water polo are coming to an end.

However, students not participating in athletics can take any class and can take as long as they want to graduate. They are not required to meet a certain number of hours per semester.

Mike Zeplin, a former UNO linebacker who made the NCC All-Academic team last year, said being a student taught him how to manage his time.

"A lot of the guys were on campus from nine in the morning until seven at night," Zeplin said. "If you had a night

class you could be there for 12 hours."

Buda figures his players spend 21 hours a week on athletics. The rest of the time is for classes and studying, two areas they must spend time in if they are to remain eligible for competition.

"I did try to make time to go out because it seemed to be the only thing that kept me sane, but it was tough," Zeplin said.

Zeplin, who will graduate next fall, said he never had a job during the school year, only during the summer. Buda said only half of his players have jobs during the off-season and none work during the playing season.

Non-athletes might say athletics is a full-time job that they get paid for with valuable scholarship funding. However, athletes generate money for the school to pay off the scholarship and see no cash for their efforts.

Jeff Podraza, a junior on last year's football team, is quitting the team this year to enroll in pharmacy school. He said the need to meet requirements helped him focus on school more than he would have otherwise.

"When I first came here, I thought I would screw off a lot," Podraza said. "But I was forced to concentrate on school and that played an important part in my decision to enroll in pharmacy school."

Buda said he was proud of his team's academic performance and accomplishments in the face of such severe guidelines. Last year he had three players, Zeplin, Todd Culp and Todd Sadler, make the NCC All-Academic team. He has also had four of his past players make the Academic All-American team.

Last year his team had an overall GPA of 2.54. During a time when most classes increase in difficulty, the juniors and seniors had an average of 2.76.

During his career, Buda has had 68 percent of his players graduate, with 16 percent still working towards a degree.

"These rates are high when compared to surveys that show only 38 percent of students who start at college end up with a degree," Buda said.

One of Buda's methods to ensure that players bordering on academic trouble stay eligible is an enforced two-hour study hall, three days a week.

Students do not have to attend mandatory study halls if they are failing classes.

The end result is athletes are performing better in class and should be acquiring a better image.

The NCAA has fortunately realized the importance of an education by passing Proposition 48.

Now, if the NCAA can turn their attention to other negative aspects of college athletics, athletes might stop finding themselves on the cover of national tabloids.

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